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Dear Sirs

**Patents Act 1977: Search Report under Section 17(6)**

I enclose two copies of my search report relating to claims 89-94.

This search is in response to the further Patents Form 9/77 filed on 20 August 2001.

Yours faithfully

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